

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (December 1-31, 2014)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
2061	2184	6%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
12945	10474	-19 %

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of December 2014 were:

- Mid 90s Honda thefts totaled 16 cases, a decrease compared to 25 cases in November.
- Theft of large trucks associated with the MO of human smuggling remained low with 5 possible cases. Only one case was confirmed based on recovery information.
- Motorcycle thefts totaled 19 cases, a significant decrease compared to 34 cases in November.
- Theft of scooters totaled 7 cases, a large decrease compared to 19 cases in November.

APD reminds you to take safety precaution. It only takes seconds for a thief to take your items, your identity and sometimes your car. Don't give a thief an opportunity to commit these crimes.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys.
- Never leave your car running even if you'll only be gone for a minute – leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in Texas.
- Never hide a spare key or a second set of keys in or about your car. Extra keys are easily found by thieves.
- Secure your belongings. Don't attractive thieves by leaving valuables in plain view.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle theft deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc. APD offers FREE VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.
- When buying from a private individual, make sure the title and registration are signed and match the name and address of the person selling the car. For title history report: www.txDMV.gov

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